

DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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DRAYTON NEEDS ... YOU !!

In May 2007 Drayton residents should have the opportunity to elect a new parish council. Looking back to 2003 there was no call for an election as there were fewer candidates (8) than seats (11). Presently the Council has just 9 members. For those who are interested in the public life of the village, the May elections should **represent an opportunity to take a turn.**

The Council meet on the first Monday of the month in the Caudwell Day Centre at 7.45pm. This is the minimum commitment to which a range of responsibilities can be added; commenting on planning applications and issues, supervising the caretaking of the village, liaising with the police (the Neighbourhood Action Group), and with District and County Councillors and officers on matters of wider importance (such as transport), responsibilities for the improvement and maintenance of rights of way, and the village playgrounds and bus stops and the burial ground. To get a flavour of the range of other issues which are dealt with as they arise, where the Council is consulted or has a responsibility to act, **come to the meetings early in 2007** (next is Feb 5th, see p9) to make comments, to join up, or to observe.

We have a very capable Clerk and village caretaker who, hopefully, should be there whatever the results of the elections, to keep the Council on an even keel and the village looking good. I can see some **very important issues** arising during the next 4 years during which it would be very unfortunate not to have a full Council to **represent all parts of the village.**

It seems that TW will continue with the reservoir proposal, the planners at regional and more local level will be looking to see where **more housing could go** and to implement policies on affordability; traffic (eg speed and calming) and transport issues (eg buses) will continue to be a concern, especially given the continuing growth of Didcot and the limitations on the A34.

There are moves to **improve the recreation facilities** in the village, whether or not as part of a village plan which, with sufficient support, could look at a wider range of issues. If you need some more encouragement to join now or stand for election in May, come to one of the next meetings, or **speak to one of the existing councillors.** **YOU COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

Daniel Scharf (531107)

Chronicle News (by Jean Barton)

THANK YOU LINDA. A **big thank you** to Linda Semmens for all her hard work as Advertising Manager. As you will have read in earlier editions after many years Linda wishes to have a change. This issue is her last one in the job. She has done sterling work, having had two terms of being Advertising Manager. She has patiently produced the adverts for the editing team and streamlined the procedures. Linda we are very grateful and wish you well!

WANTED :- ADVERTISING MANAGER

After this issue, the Chronicle no longer has an advertising manager. This position is essential to the smooth running of the Chronicle. We have some 50 people who give freely of their time and talents in the production of the Chronicle and I am SURE that there must be one or two others who could join the team. **Please do contact me** as soon as possible. The revenue from adverts is about one third of our running costs. It is therefore vital that the job is filled promptly. A methodical person is needed, with some computer literacy, as you need to communicate with the editors and the advertisers. **I look forward to hearing from YOU.**

In the meantime please address all queries about advertising to me, the Chronicle Co-ordinator.

Jean Barton (523702) email: jeanbarton@onetel.com

RECREATION FACILITIES SURVEY (Parish Council)

Further to our (PC) investigations and research, this issue includes a Recreation Facility Survey (removable centre sheet). For this to reflect the true wishes of the residents it is essential that we get as many responses as possible. We will be speaking to individual groups and organisations, but hope that this initial survey will give an indication of where we should be focusing our efforts. There will be boxes for responses at the **Mace Store, Vickery's and the Post Office** (& e-mail, or phone). **Please take the time** to respond if you possibly can. *Melanie Parker*

NB **RESERVOIR EXHIBITION** Drayton Hall (see p9) Jan 23 & 24 also **RESERVOIR MEETING** Steventon Hall (p8) Feb 23
New rollers? P5 Your Letters P7 Reservoir Groups P8 Detective in the House P10 New resolution P6
Don't make that call P11 Vaizey on ice P6 Who won? P2 Lent Lectures P12 Parish Report P9

Drayton Players Present
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Thursday 15th, Friday 16th & Saturday 17th and
Thursday 22nd, Friday 23rd & Saturday 24th February 2007
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COMING CHRONICLES

The March Chronicle will be available for distribution to Area Agents on **Friday, February 23rd**, from **Helen Brasington (534045)**, who should be contacted by Agents requiring extra copies.

The Editor will be **David Lee**, 15 Corneville Road (202699). Contributions may be e-mailed (see below), or placed in the Chronicle letter box, outside Vickery's store on Drayton Green,

NO LATER than 5.15 pm on Monday, February 12th 2007.

After this deadline, items are given less precedence for inclusion (No guarantees!), and certainly need to reach us by the Wednesday.

NB :- **Can we politely remind** Contributors that the above **deadline** is exactly that; there seems to be a trend (with increasing use of e-mail) that sending items on Tuesday, Wednesday, (or even later!) is ok. **It isn't** - editors are busy people, and continually receiving items through the week greatly reduces the time for editing, queries, formatting, printing etc. It might also be accurate to point out that the later an item is received, the less precedence it gets, which can affect things when there is pressure on space for texts.

Editors clear the box from time to time before the deadline. It is a great help when items can be left in the box a few days before the closing date. Some contributors are indeed doing just that, and it really does help. Thank you.

NOTES for CONTRIBUTORS

All contributions to the Chronicle are most welcome. Be sure to include the name, address and (in case clarification is necessary) telephone number of the author. Contributions can be made :-

1. If you've Internet access, by **email** to the relevant editor :-

Derek Pooley	derek_pooley@talk21.com
David Lee	david_r.lee@ntlworld.com
Tony Holmes	tony-holmes@ntlworld.com

Please remember to check that you soon get a confirmation reply.

2. A recording device such as Floppy disk, CD or DVD; **please include hard copy** for checking the formatting and **your address** so that it can be easily returned. This is still a good way to receive copy since it removes much of the work necessary in 3 & 4 below, AND should help to eliminate misprints/errors from scanner problems or dodgy handwriting.

3. A good, **black typescript** on white A4 paper or smaller. The scanner can read in typescripts and this is still much easier than re-typing. IF you prepare text on a PC to print the output and send it to us, thanks, BUT PLEASE SEE 2 above - we do return disks, honest!

4. Finally, **hand-written items**. It helps if all names of people and places are spelt out in **CAPITALS** (thanks to those who do), thus saving mistakes and possible embarrassment. **You KNOW who you're writing about, but please don't assume we do too!**

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CHRONICLE LOTTERY

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£15	Joelle Mailloux 14 High Street	Darren McDonald
£10	Mr Evans 120 Whitehorns Way	Wendy Evans
£10	S Tamburro The Laurels, High Street	Darren McDonald
£10	Mrs Drew 76 Steventon Road	Jackie Walker
£10	Mr Johnston 49 Abingdon Road	Jane Henderson
£10	S Woodward 6 High Street	Darren McDonald
£10	A Wright 4 Binning Close	Judith Dunster
£10	R Barlow 7 Whitehorns Way	Trudi Buckner

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ALL AROUND

DRAYTON WIVES

Daphne Barrand

In November Jenny Pooley came and talked to us and showed us slides of her most interesting holiday in Africa. Thank you Jenny.

There followed in December our Christmas coffee evening. Sherry, mince pies, nibbles as well as the coffee were enjoyed and we were entertained by Trudi, Jean, Margaret & Doris in a most amusing sketch.

Then a fun game of drawing and guessing Pub signs with much laughter and we ended with carols.

A very Happy New Year to you all.

Dates for your Diary in February

Mon 5th COFFEE Rev. Jose Midwinter, The Vicarage
 Mon 19th WHIST Barbara Carter, Caudwell DC
 Tues 27th BIRTHDAY LUNCH Steventon House Hotel
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The annual dinner was a great success, and the speaker (Major Karl Frankland) was excellent.

PLEASE 'Help us to help them' by supporting our annual **EASTER DRAW**; tickets are on sale from the normal outlets.

The next Committee meeting will be held on Monday 19th February at 8pm.

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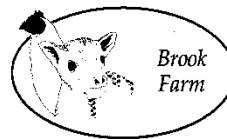
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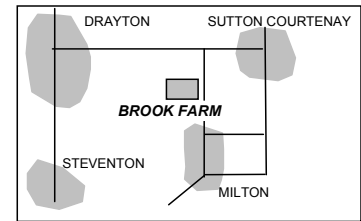
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DRAYTON PLAYERS

Jean Hager

There are just a few weeks to go before our presentation of THE BOY FRIEND.

Don't forget that it will be performed over two weekends :- Thursday to Saturday 15 - 17th February, and then 22nd - 24th, curtain up at 7.30pm. This gives you a wider choice of dates, so don't **forget to book early** to secure your preferred seat.

This year, for the first time, you will be able to book **BY POST** as well as by 'phone (see our front page advertisement for this number). Postal requests should be addressed to :- THE BOY FRIEND Box Office, 40 Castle Street, Steventon, Oxon. OX13 6SR. Tickets are £7 and cheques should be made payable to Drayton Players, and be accompanied by a stamped self-addressed envelope.

This is a very bubbly, lively production with lots of singing and dancing. As I have said before, our junior section figures prominently in it and their great enthusiasm is sure to reach out and infect the whole audience with a great sense of the fun of it all. Our photo (there's more space for it on page 11) shows Emily Bell and Jamie Sutton frolicking 'Sur la Plage'.

Do come along and enjoy a really good evening of **family entertainment**. You are sure to go home humming the catchy tunes.

ST PETER'S CHURCH HOME-VISITING GROUP

will visit anyone who is, or has been, ill or is recently home from hospital, or unable to get out because of a disability, or is in any other circumstances where support would be welcomed.

Please contact:- Neen Priestnall (531330), Jean Hager (531558), Sally Dixon (531547) or Jackie Walker (522361).

ST PETER'S CHURCH

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	Mr Peter Cline	530519
Organist	Mr Adrian Thompson	01865 714801

CHURCH NOTICES

REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday	8.00 am	Holy Communion (CW Traditional).
	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist (CW) except 2nd Sunday, when a non-Eucharistic Family Service is held.
Mon-Fri	8.15 am	Morning Prayer (CW) in Lady Chapel
Weds	10.30 am	Parents' & Toddlers' Service - Church Room
Thursday	9.30 am	Holy Communion (CW) in Lady Chapel

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Sunday	10.00 am	Sunday Pebbles (3rd Sunday)	Church Room
Monday	7.45 pm	Bellringing Practice	Bell Tower
Friday	6.30 pm	Choir Practice (Alt'ate Fridays)	Church Room

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY

JAN

Sun 14th 10.00 am Christingle service

FEB

Sun 4th 11.15 am Sale of Fair Trade goods
 Tues 6th 3.00 pm 1st Tuesday Connections Church Room
 Wed 21st 8.00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

PARISH REGISTER

Funeral	Nov 20th	George (Jimmy) James
	Nov 24th	Anthony Luker
	Jan 5th	Jack Armitage
	Jan 12th	Robert Richardson
	Jan 16th	Maurice Dixon
Burial of Ashes	Dec 17th	Violet Lee
	Dec 27th	Kenneth Toplis



Letter from St Peter's Church

Dear Friends,

Sales ... Sales ... Sales ... Everyone loves a bargain and so straight after Christmas the shopping public were out in force seeing what bargains they could get. Some people got up early to queue, while others do their homework and targeted specific bargains. Whatever method you use there is a real thrill in getting items for a knock down price.

Some bargains however are not quite what they seem. Recently Channel 4 showed a programme entitled 'The Lost Gospels of Judas'. It was an interesting programme in so far as it showed how an ancient text, in poor condition, could be preserved, translated and read. But I am sure the reason for showing it on prime time television was more to do with its connection with the conspiracy theory promoted by Dan Brown's book *The Da Vinci Code*. Brown and others are eager to suggested the early church cooked up reasons to suppress important texts which were necessary to the truth of Christianity.

Nothing could be further from the truth. These texts were not so much suppressed, as rejected by the early church because they were misleading, and draw people away from the core truths of Jesus' message. They claim that Jesus did not live and die as the Son of God, but as a mere human being, who had a temporary divine 'spark' from God. This led them to the belief that some people who also had the divine 'spark' were superior and those who didn't were inferior Christians. They also promoted the idea that our human bodies are not important and can be used (or abused) any way we like. It is only our 'soul' which needs to be preserved for the next life.

Mainstream Christianity rejects both of these ideas. There is no elitism in Christianity - we are all equal in the sight of God. Also there is no segregation - God created us in his own image, body, soul and spirit. The true message of Christianity is about God's love for his own people in all its fullness.

If you go down to the bargain basement you can find any number of 'hidden' texts - and they are really cheap. But then the ideas they put forward are either valueless or misleading. Not much of a bargain if they don't work!

The love and forgiveness which is offered through Jesus is not hidden in some dark corner, but is on full display where all can see it. God's forgiveness is a free gift which comes to us from God's bountiful love. Life issues cannot be treated like sale items to be found on a rummaged table. Love, forgiveness, joy and peace are too precious to be treated like that. If you want the real value then choose the items of real value - these are found in the life-giving message of Jesus. Not just a bargain, but a gift!

Yours sincerely

Josie Midwinter

YOU STAY - WE PRAY During this time we will pray for all the people who live and work in these roads:-

- 31 Dec - 13 Jan:- Steventon Road; Eastway; Eastway MHP
- 14 - 20 Jan:- Church Lane; Henleys Lane; Caudwell Close; Gravel Lane
- 21 Jan - 3 Feb:- Abingdon Road; Oday Hill; Binning Close; Haywards Road
- 4 - 10 Feb:- Sutton Wick Lane; Greenacres; Newman Lane; Conifer Drive
- 11 - 24 Feb:- Hilliat Fields; Lyford Close; Manor Close; The Green
- 25 Feb - 3 Mar:- High Street; Chiers Drive; Cheers Farm; Halls Close



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(MORE) ALL AROUND

DRAYTON W.I.

Doreen Buckland

For our Christmas meeting we had a very enjoyable Bring & Share supper. During the evening we presented a cheque for £250 to Mrs Doreen Eato, for the Response Defibrillator British Heart Foundation. A similar cheque will be presented to the Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance Response Team.

The coffee morning in December raised £57, thank you for your support.

For our January meeting, members are going to the George & Dragon, Sutton Courtenay for a meal.

The next coffee morning will be on Feb 10th.



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Drayton BOWLS CLUB

'Roll-Up'

At the half way stage of the winter league both teams are well placed with 'The Rollers' in 2nd place, and 'The Hammers' are top of their league, so we hope they will be able to keep it together for the second half of the season.

And to wrap another successful year for the club, finals day was a great success, 27 member took part, and the winners for 2006 were as follows:- Didcot Windows open singles - Jean Mullins; 'Dereck Messenger' Ladies Singles - Barbara Watts;

'Henry Bunce' handicap pairs - Bryn Jones, Norman Hopkins. 'Wally Weightman triples' - Tony Wright, Josie Carter, and June Hyde; 'Beryl James triples' - Tony Wright, Doreen Jones, and Julie Brain.

'Don Alexander' single, pairs - Tony Mullins, Maurice Bartlett, Cyril Carter. 'The Attwood' cup - Tony Mullins.

'Rose Bowl' triple league - Jean Mullins, Ann Richardson, Jane Pimm. 'The John Berry' fours league - John Goodacre, Val Locke, Neville Ferris, Cyril Carter.

In the evening 30 members went to the 'Boundary House' for a meal and that rounded off a very nice day.

The Dinner Dance Presentation night will have been held at Abingdon United Football Club on Jan 12th, at the time of these notes 41 members will be attending, this number is up on last year which is good news.

And in closing these notes we would like to wish Jean (Mullins) a speedy recovery from her recent operation, and a quick return to bowls.

And to all members old and new would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy new year.

We are still looking for new members, anyone interested just pop into the Hall when sessions are being held, that's Mondays & Thurs, 2 till 5, and Weds 7 till 10; **you'll be made very welcome.**

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Letters to the Editor

The Editor reserves the right to shorten, clarify or reject any letter. Each letter must bear a legible name & address, and Tel. No in case any text needs verification.

BAPTIST CHURCH

PASTORAL Co-Ordinator:- Roy Brown..... 531296

REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES

- 11.15 am Presently only one morning service per month, this is the Family Service, and is on the first Sunday of each month.
- 6.00 pm Evening Service. A traditional form of service, frequently with guest speakers.
(Communion every second Sunday)

Come and join us every Sunday – we look forward to seeing you. Next **Family Services** are (all 11.15am):-
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ED VAIZEY - Your Local MP

As some of you may know I was appointed Shadow Culture spokesman for the Conservatives towards the end of last year. So, besides constituency duties, I speak for the party on many issues, including the BBC, broadcasting in general, digital switchover, museums and galleries, libraries, music, theatre and film.

One of the reasons I love representing Wantage & Didcot is that so much that happens locally is relevant to the national debate, be it science or business or many other issues. The arts are no different. We have a thriving arts scene, and in 2007, (Oxfordshire's millennium), the arts will be to the fore. Faringdon and Wantage both have hugely successful art festivals; Wantage and Wallingford have great museums; Wallingford has two great music festivals; Didcot is getting its very own arts centre and cinema shortly. We have many local artists and highly successful brass bands and choirs.

It is not all rosy of course – the closure of the Wantage cinema is a reminder that cultural resources are always under threat. I would be **happy to hear from anyone** with an opinion about the arts or broadcasting, and how they think Government policy can develop.

In February 2007, I am taking part in the Westminster Challenge. This is a one week trek across the Arctic wilderness by husky dog sled with four other MPs. We will be travelling through Finland, Sweden and Norway, over more than 400 miles.

I'm raising money for :- Crimestoppers, and the Oxfordshire Community Foundation, which gives money to local charities in this constituency. To donate, please see details on my website.

If you need to get in touch with me, telephone 020 7219 6350, write to me at the House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA, or you can e-mail me on vaizey@parliament.uk; The Website is www.vaizey.com with up to date news and surgery details:-

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NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

We offer sincere condolences to Sally Dixon of Lockway and her family on the recent death, after a long illness, of her husband, Maurice.

Anne & Anthony Andrews (Middle Barn, Sutton Wick Lane) thank you for the warm welcome to Drayton in the November Chronicle; "we have settled in happily".

Welcome to Jon and Louise Griffiths and the 2 dogs, Eli and Saffie, who have moved into 7, Haywards Road.

Congratulations to Peter and Joanne Selby of 9, Binning Close on the birth of William Ross, a brother for Matthew.

And . . .welcome to new *puppy* Sally at 9, Whitehorns Way.

THE ABINGDON & DISTRICT VOLUNTEER CENTRE

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WHAT'S YOUR NEW YEAR RESOLUTION ?

Trying to get a bit fitter and meet new friends? How about joining in on a **Health Walk** in Abingdon?

Health Walks Can:-

Improve muscle and bone strength

Help lower blood pressure

Strengthen heart and lungs

Help with weight loss

Reduce stress and Make you feel good.

Volunteer Leaders will meet you every Wednesday at 10.30 at the Tennis and Leisure Centre. The walk, along local paths and tracks, lasts about an hour. On our return to the leisure centre you may like to purchase a drink and stop for a chat. No specialist equipment is required for the walk, just wear comfy clothes and shoes.

THESE HEALTH WALKS ARE FUN, FRIENDLY, & FREE. For more information please contact Viv Boorman (554751).

Recreation Facility Survey for the residents of Drayton

Proposal: There is the possibility that the areas around the village hall could be utilised to provide new facilities. Namely the section between the village hall and the football pitch.

Please tick the appropriate boxes.

1. Do you use the Drayton Recreation Ground? Yes No

2. If yes, how?

3. In which sports or clubs do you currently participate, in the village?

4. Given the opportunity, what sports/clubs would you like to participate in?

5. Do you have children? Yes No

6. If yes, please complete their age and gender?

Child 1	Child 2	Child 3	Child 4	Child 5

7. Does your child/children use Drayton recreation ground? Yes No

8. If yes, what do they like to do there?

9. The area in front of the football pitch is currently used for (football) training but there is a section in front of the hall that may be improved to provide additional facilities for residents. If sufficient funds can be raised, what improvements (if any) would you like to see made to this area?

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10. Would you be able to join a working group to take this project forward? Yes No

Please fill in your name and contact details if you would like to help or to be kept in touch with the outcome.

Name:	Phone Number:
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Address:

You can e-mail your completed form to: Survey@redtreeit.co.uk

or return your completed forms to the response boxes at either the Mace shop, Vickery's or the Post Office, or contact Melanie Parker 07799 850974.

REF: D.C 01

**This project has been initiated by the Parish Council
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THIS SURVEY**

YOUR LETTERS

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Thanks also to the people who stand in for us when we are unable to be there. Thanks also to Geoff & Marian Dix for wine and mince pies for the Christmas Dinner - 32 people sat down to a lovely meal.

Our thanks also go to Brian Thompson for the music during that afternoon. We would like to thank the members for our lovely flowers.

Thank You, and a Happy New Year.

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A Sight to See?

Dear Sir,

28 Lockway

Firstly I'd like to congratulate your team on the wonderful December issue of the Chronicle, it is great, WELL DONE!!

Secondly, on Friday Dec 1st, I lost my reading glasses, and I thought, "well, I've just lost them, goodbye". But, when I got home later, I couldn't believe my eyes when on the doormat were my glasses. Incredible!

So, I'd like to thank the kind person who returned them via the letterbox. Thank YOU very much.

G Carter



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The tops are granulated and sold on to make yet more plastic items, possibly containers, so we are definitely re-cycling.

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We hope to see you again **next time** - book the date now - **Sunday 9th December** at 7.15 pm.

Many thanks to all the contributors and helpers for a great result.

Geoff Caudle

WOODEN SPOON RECIPE No. 24

Parsley Chicken with Cashew nuts (from Feb '92)

(Serves 8) 2 oz creamed coconut, bunch of fresh parsley, 8oz onion (skinned and sliced), 8 chicken breast fillets, 4 tablespoons plain flour, 2 tablespoons each ground coriander and cumin, 2 teaspoons ground turmeric, salt and freshly ground black pepper, 4 tablespoons oil plus a little extra, 1oz butter, 5oz salted cashew nuts, 1 pint chicken stock, 4 tablespoons lemon juice.

Break up the coconut and dissolve in ¼ pint boiling water. Chop the parsley to give about 6 tablespoons. Split each chicken breast to give two thinner fillets. Mix together the flour, spices and seasoning. Use to coat the chicken.

Heat 4 tablespoons oil and the butter in a large sauté pan. Brown the chicken pieces half at a time; remove from pan. Add the onion and 4 oz nuts with more oil if necessary and lightly brown, stirring frequently.

Mix in any remaining flour followed by the coconut water, the stock, 5 level tablespoons parsley and the lemon juice.

Return the chicken to the pan. Bring to the boil, cover and simmer for about 20 minutes, or until the chicken is quite tender, stirring occasionally.

Uncover and bubble down the juices until slightly thickened. Adjust seasoning and sprinkle with the remaining chopped parsley and nuts.

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Vale Reservoir Group (Fluvius) has set up a web site www.fluvius.org.uk; this has drawn together most of the information available at present. You can download information from the county council, district council and central government. Your parish council is also encouraged to post information on the website about their views if they wish.

You can give your own views via the forum page, and these will be passed on to your parish council (if you wish). You can register as a member and receive updates on what is happening.

View the web site for more information; make your views known either to your councillors or to us via the web site. The reservoir is a massive project so we must make our voice heard.



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RESERVOIR NEWS

GARD Letter

Dear Sir, via e-mail

Early January has seen Thames Water start Phase 2 of the consultation process even though the objectives for Phase 1 have not been met.

GARD has started its public campaign with a tent just outside Steventon Village hall on the first 2 days of the Thames Water Exhibition. We had many visitors who raised concerns about what Thames Water were saying and indeed were NOT saying.

We understand how people might feel from the style of presentations made by Thames Water to the public why some people might feel the Reservoir is a 'Done deal'.

It is NOT. We CAN all make a difference.

GARD would like to remind all that will be affected by the reservoir, should it go ahead, of the meeting at **Steventon Village Hall at 7.30pm on 23rd February**. At this meeting we would **particularly welcome young people** to join us in our efforts to persuade the authorities of how inappropriate this proposed reservoir really is. It is this age group that will bear the burden of its consequences into the future.

Carole Hooper

RESERVOIR AFFECTED PARISHES GROUP

The Reservoir Affected Parishes (RAP) group wish to draw attention to the response of the Environment Agency to the Thames Water Stage One Consultation, an exhibition held in several village halls in the area.

Below is a selection of some of the observations made by the Environment Agency in its official response to Thames Water's Needs and Alternatives Report – the document dated September 14th 2006 which was handed out to visitors to the exhibition.

“Our view is that you have not put sufficient effort into consideration of these elements and you have put resource development at the front of your approach. This goes against Government policy. We do not feel you have justified how large a resource needs to be and whether it needs to be a reservoir.”

“The Government and ourselves expect water companies to use a ‘twin track’ approach, with priority given to reducing demand and leakage reduction before new sources of water are considered. Our response is based on rigorous application of this principle.”

“You have failed to meet leakage targets in recent years. This is unacceptable and you must deliver targets from now to 2010.”

“Your metering targets must go much further, we think you should aim for full metering across your company area within 10 years.”

“Reducing water use to at least 120 litres per person per day is entirely feasible for new homes and can be achieved at very minimal cost. We believe that you must do more to educate and advise your customers on the wise use of water.”

“Your current and forecast per capita consumption is high compared with many other water companies in England, and very high compared with many European countries. There is significant scope (through metering, tariffs and other demand management interventions) to reduce demand for water.”

The RAP group represents the parishes of East and West Hanney, Ardington and Lockinge, Frilford, East Hendred, Steventon and Sutton Courtenay. After these doubts expressed by the Environment Agency and other public bodies the RAP group contacted TW suggesting that the Stage Two round of exhibitions would be a good place to describe the continuing concerns, and also asked TW to make it clear on any response forms they might hand out that the need for this major new reservoir was as yet far from certain.

PARISH COUNCIL (Dec 4)

Spearheaded by the enthusiasm of Melanie Parker, a group of interested people has continued to investigate ways of providing better play facilities for village youngsters. This entails finding space and finance and dealing with all the legalities involved, a complicated and time-consuming undertaking. The group has sought the advice of the Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association and Thames Valley police. Patience will be needed as providing what is hoped for cannot happen overnight.

Again the **proposed reservoir** was high on the agenda. As reported last month the Council asked for further explanation of the technical data and the need for a reservoir, but this has not been given. Instead there are to be **public exhibitions** of stage 2 of the plans, and at the Parish Council's request one is to be held in **Drayton Hall** on January 23 & 24, 9am – 6pm.

The Council had invited Trustees of the Millennium Green to the meeting in order to discuss the relationship between Council and Trust, so that the Green can be cared for as efficiently as possible. As the Parish Council makes a substantial financial contribution for the upkeep of the Green it is important the two bodies work closely. All were agreed that the area is a huge asset to the village, much used by many people. A rota of litter pickers operates but the Trust would be grateful to anyone who picks up rubbish.

It was distressing to note that three panes of reinforced glass on the bus shelter opposite the Post Office have recently been smashed. They cost hundreds of pounds to repair, and that of course is covered by PC insurance. Insurance cover is paid for out of **public money** so whoever the perpetrator is may well be indirectly paying part of the cost, or causing his/her parents to. →



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It has been disappointing to hear that, after all, Sutton Wick and Gravel Lane paths do not qualify for funding to upgrade them. In fact the OCC's Environment department tells us that they are low priority. After the recent persistent rain both paths have very muddy patches, Sutton Wick path particularly so. If you use these paths and find them unacceptably slippery or difficult **please write** to :- Mark Sumner, Environment & Economy Dept., OCC Countryside Services, Holton, Witney, OX33 1QQ. On a brighter note, since the Council meeting the Environment department has informed us that the bridleway beyond the Village Hall, west of the A34, has been cleared of fallen trees and overgrowth up to the disused canal.

On the subject of paths, two members of the public attended the meeting, concerned about proposed building of three houses behind Barton garage and the impact that may have on Kiln Lane which may be the access route to those homes. The council will monitor the situation.

Parish Councils will be included in next spring's local elections. Our Council is well below its full quota of members. The work of the Council is interesting and important in helping to maintain good quality village life. **Please think seriously** if you might offer yourself as a Councillor for a few years.

All are welcome to the next meeting at 7.45pm on Monday 5th February in the Caudwell Day Centre. **Jenny Pooley**

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We are planning a revised list of wardens for the Millennium Green. Many people have already helped to keep our green tidy and presentable, making it something for the village to be really proud of.

We plan to form a rota of volunteers to act as WARDENS, a fortnight at a time once or twice during the year. We would like to include people from all the village, especially those who use and enjoy it regularly.

If you already a warden, and wish to keep your present 'slot', we will assume you are happy to continue. If you are no longer able to help, please let us know as soon as possible.

If you would like to be included in this worthwhile cause, please contact Gwen & Tony Price, 39A Sutton Wick Lane (531205). When we have enough helpers, a rota will be sent out with a brief description of duties, which are not very onerous.

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HOUSE DETECTIVES (By Josie Midwinter)

If you live in an older house it is often a matter of interest to find out more about the property and the people who lived there. This interest in house-history led to a very successful TV programme where experts looked at various aspects of the house and discovered more about its age, construction, and who had lived there. It would be nice to be able to call in experts to do such work on our own house, but that could be rather expensive. However on a more modest scale you might be able to find out quite a bit using local records.

In order to test this out I did a bit of detective work on a house here in Drayton. Drayton Villa is situated along the Abingdon Road and is occupied by the Griffiths Family who have lived there for 14 years. Some of you will know the house as the former home of Miss Edith Pullin, she was a piano teacher who gave lessons in her house. Her mother bought the house in 1900 and Miss Pullin lived there for some 40 years until she died in the 1960s.

The house was built in 1840 so it one of the oldest properties in that part of the village. In the church archives we have the Census records for 1851, 61, 71, 81 and 91. Sadly the earlier census returns were not very detailed so it is not easy to work out who live where. In the 1871 census it appears the house was occupied by Revd Fredrick Theobald the first vicar of Drayton, he was a lodger there until the Vicarage was built in the High Street. The house was then came into the ownership of the Cheer Family.

In 1881 it was occupied by Mary Cheer, a widow aged 75, and various relations. Using the transcripts of the parish registers I was able to discover that Mary had been married to William, son of John and Martha Cheer. This was confirmed by looking up the churchyard records and finding the gravestone of William and Mary Cheer which gave their dates including the fact that Mary died in 1882. The house then passed to Martha Cheer, a spinster aged 65. Martha was the daughter of Joseph and Ann Cheer.

Using the earlier transcripts (1607-1813) I was able to discover that John and Joseph were both sons of William and Ann Cheer - so Mary and Martha were cousins. However there was a slight puzzle. Martha Cheer was described as 'living on own means' at Drayton Villa. Meanwhile her widowed mother and younger sister were resident in one of the almshouses. Why did Martha not look after her mother and younger sister? There is no way to answer that question, but it is interesting to unravel some of the stories which go with the houses of Drayton and Sutton Wick.

We are fortunate to have the typed and indexed copies of census records and certain parish registers. We also have typed copies of the Bishop's transcripts form 1607-1813. And, a survey was done of the churchyard gravestones, now recorded and indexed. It is amazing what you can find out if you start digging in the archives.

Drayton along with neighbouring villages are doing a **History Weekend from 29th June to 1st July**. The churches will be open and these and many other local records will be on display including those normally stored at the Berkshire Records Office.

If you are interested in researching local or family history this is a golden opportunity to see records which are not normally on display to the public. Put these dates in your diary and watch out for adverts of the event in the Drayton Chronicle with more details.

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NOTICE BOARD

DRAYTON PLAYERS 'THE BOY FRIEND'

See page 3 for a description, including how to get tickets by post if needed (and of course the front page advert for dates and tickets by phone); and as an appetiser here is a scene featuring JAMIE SUTTON & EMILY BELL.



FIRST TUESDAY CONNECTIONS

Are you feeling lonely, isolated or in need of some friendly company? Why not come along to our monthly tea and chat afternoons. They are held on the first Tuesday of the month in St Peter's Church Room from 3.00 pm to 4.30 pm and you are invited to drop in during these times.

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The Great Drayton Fire of 1780, the history of those who fell in WW1 and WW2, a display of Baptismal Gowns, identification and photographs of Listed Buildings, Stained Glass and Milton's Flemish connection and the significance of Steventon's ditches are just some of the topics that will be highlighted. Many of the Parish Registers will also be available for scrutiny by those interested in family history.

Revd Josie Midwinter (531374) and/or Revd Helen Kendrick (848297) would like to hear from anyone who might have background information or artefacts that might be included in the exhibitions.

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No, there is NO message, it's all a con. Don't call.

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DRAYTON DIARIES

DIARY FOR JAN & FEB

All events held in Drayton Hall unless otherwise stated

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NB If your event isn't listed, IT COULD HAVE BEEN!!!

JAN		
Tue	23	9.00am Thames Water Exhibition
Wed	24	9.00am - ditto - both days until 6 pm
Sat	27	Private Party
Tue	30	Blood Donor Clinic
FEB		
Mon	5	7.45pm Parish Council Meeting (p9) <i>Caudwell DC</i>
Tues	6	3.00pm 1st Tues Connections (p11) <i>Church Room</i>
Sat	10	Private Party
Mon	12	5.00pm CHRONICLE DEADLINE <i>Vickery's</i>
Wed	14	Players Rehearsal
Thu	15	7.30pm Players - The Boy Friend (see p1)
Thu	22	7.30pm Players - The Boy Friend Also Fri/Sat of both weeks
Sun	25	Private Party

REGULARLY OCCURRING EVENTS

Weekly in Drayton Hall unless stated otherwise

MONDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
5.45 pm	Beavers (Boys/girls, 6-8 yrs, Tel. 512834)	<i>Steventon Hall</i>
7.00 pm	Scouts (Boys/girls, 8-10 yrs, Tel. 512834)	<i>Steventon Hall</i>
7.00 pm	Badminton (Private Group)	
7.00 pm	Keep fit / slimming class	
7.15 pm	Drayton Wives Whist (3rd Monday)	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
7.30 pm	Senior Table Tennis, League (for 2 hours)	<i>School</i>
7.45 pm	Parish Council (1st Monday)	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
7.45 pm	Bell-ringing (for 1½ hours)	<i>St Peter's</i>

TUESDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
1.45 pm	Drayton Art Group (until 4 pm)	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
3.00 pm	First Tuesday Connections (1st Tuesday)	<i>Church Room</i>
3.00 pm	Junior Netball (for 1 hour)	<i>School</i>
6.00 pm	Ladies' Netball (for 1 hour)	<i>School</i>
6.30 pm	Weight Watchers	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
7.30 pm	Senior League Table Tennis	<i>School</i>

WEDNESDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
10.30 am	Parent and Toddler Service	<i>Church Room</i>
2.00 pm	Whist - now each week	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
2.00 pm	Drayton Wives (Last Wednesday in the month)	
2.15 pm	Badminton	
6.15 pm	Brownies	
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St Peter's Lady Chapel</i>
6.15 pm	Cubs (Boys/girls, 8-9 yrs, Tel. 512834)	<i>Steventon Hall</i>
7.00 pm	Junior Table Tennis, Age 9+ (for 1 hour)	<i>School</i>
7.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
7.30 pm	Bingo Session	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
8.00 pm	Senior Table Tennis	<i>School</i>

THURSDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
	followed by lunch club and afternoon session	
9.30 am	Holy Communion	<i>St Peter's Lady Chapel</i>
9.30 am	Parent & Toddler Group	
9.50 am	Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 20 min)	<i>Haywards Rd</i>
10.15 am	Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 20 min)	<i>The Green Car Pk</i>
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
7.30 pm	Women's Institute Meeting (2nd Thursday)	
8.00 pm	Sequence Dancing. Tel: 531701	

FRIDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>Sch'l Ground Bldg</i>
11.00 am	The Friday Club (fortnightly) 202466	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
6.30pm	Choir Practice	<i>St Peter's</i>

SUNDAYS

8.00 am	Holy Communion	<i>St Peter's</i>
10.00 am	Sung Eucharist (Family Service 2nd Sunday)	<i>St Peter's</i>
11.15 am	Family Time	<i>Baptist Church</i>
6.00 pm	Evening Worship (2nd Sunday)	<i>Baptist Church</i>

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